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Senator Orin Hatch
United States Senate
104 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Mike Lee
United States Senate
316 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Hatch and Lee:

I strongly support a Constitutional amendment to balance the federal budget. As the Majority Leader of the Senate of the State of Alabama I want you to know that if Congress sends a Balanced Budget Amendment to the federal Constitution to us, I will work to ensure that the Senate votes to ratify the amendment.

It is vital that Congress pass a Balanced Budget Amendment. Quite simply a Balanced Budget Amendment is the only mechanism that will ensure that Congress gets federal spending under control. Without it, America will spend itself into insolvency and will mortgage our children's future. To prevent the grave harm that will come to our nation from a debt crisis and ensure that Congress spends no more than it takes in, Congress and the state legislatures must act to amend the United States Constitution to require a balanced federal budget.

I urge you to move quickly this year to pass a Balanced Budget Amendment so that I can begin working with my colleagues to secure ratification.

Sincerely,
Alabama State Senate

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J.T. Waggoner". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a trailing flourish.

J.T. "JABO" WAGGONER
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